

Mrs. Patricia N. Edwards
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RE: CARITHERS FAMILY RESEARCH

Dear Mrs. Edwards:

Hello! My name is Jan McChesney. I am researching the Carithers Family of SC, GA, ALA, TX and possibly MS. I saw your name in the Puzzler-Number 1205 Nov 23, 1991 and your offer to utilize your extensive files to those of us interested in MS/ALA.

I am planning to write a book and have hit a stumbling block. I will try and describe my dilemma.

WILLIAM CARITHERS m. MARY MCGOWAN June 22, 1779 "at a fort near the SAVANNAH RIVER" Mary McGowan was the daughter of James and Elizabeth McGowan.. "McGowans Ferry" They lived on a Land Grant near Abbeville SC. They had 9 children.

WILLIAM was born: Dormont, Dumfries Scotland April 12 1754. He died: Abbeville SC August 23 1826

He served in the Revolution (DAR)

MARY MCGOWAN was born: Abbeville, SC 8 Sept 1754

She applied for and received a widows pension
GRANTED 30 December 1842 in CHICKASAW MISS. #6228

I have a copy of her deposition and her son ROBERT is mentioned verifying the Bible authenticity etc. dated 28 Feb 1843 Chickasaw Co., Miss.

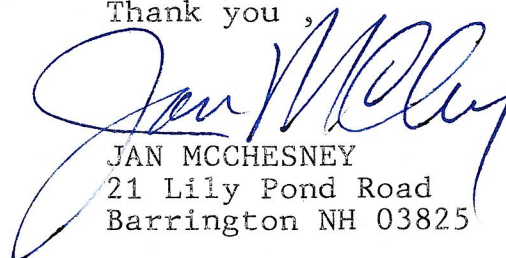
Now the dilemma.....I have verified thru the DAR my direct lineage..which I have enclosed...

I am trying to "flesh" out this story..I have written to Miss..and to Ala..and cannot find out:

1. Where did they live?
2. Did Mary live with Robert (probably-he was the 9th child)
3. When did she die? Where is she buried?
4. Robert may have married a Hannah Parks...
5. Where is he buried?
6. Are there any papers in Probate Court anywhere?

I truly hope you can help me or direct me to someone or some source. I will pay all copying and mailing or any fee agreed upon.

Thank you ,


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PENSION CLAIM OF MARY CARITHERS

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THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI ON THIS 30th DAY OF DECEMBER (CHICKASAW COUNTY) 1840 PERSONALLY APPOINTED BEFORE ME DRURY BINUNI GLOVER JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT IN AND FOR THE COUNTY AND STATE BEFORE SAID MARY CARITHERS A RESIDENT IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND IN THE COUNTY OF CHICKASAW AGED 88 YEARS PAST SHE WHO BEING FIRST DULY FROM ACCORDING TO LAW..MAKE THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE BENIFIT OF THE PREMIUM MADE BY CONGRESS PASSED 4th DAY OF JULY 1836 THAT"SHE IS THE WIDOW OF WILLIAM CARITHERS A REVOLUTIONER WHO SERVED AS A PRIVATE IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR UNDER MY KNOWLEDGE FROM THE YEAR 1777 or 1778 TO THE CLOSE OF THE WAR AS A VOLUNTEER UNDER DIFFERENT OFFICERS UNDER CAPTAIN ANDERSON IN 96 NOW ABBEVILLE DISTRICT SOUTH CAROLINA AGAINST THE TORIES AND MARCHING THROUGH THE CHEROKEE NATION AGAINST THE INDIANS THIS WAS I BELIEVE IN THE YEAR 1777 or in the year 1778. THE LENGTH OF SERVICE SHE CANNOT RECOLLECT. IN THE YEAR 1779 or 1780 SHE BELIEVES HER HUSBAND WILLIAM CARITHERS WAS IN A BATTLE OR ENGAGEMENT WITH THE TORIES UNDER CAPTAIN WM. BASKINS AT SAVANNAH RIVER AND WAS MADE PRISONER WITH CAPT. BASKINS AND IN A SHORT TIME AFTER WASD RELEASED FROM THE TORIES AT THE BATTLE OF KETTLE CREEK ON THE GEORGIA SIDE OF THE RIVER AFTER MY SAID HUSBANDS RELEASE HE SERVED A PRIVATE AND VOLUNTEER UNDER LT. JAMES BASKINS AGAINST THE INDIANS IN 1780 OR IN 1781 AND WAS IN AN ENGAGEMENT UNDER LT. BUSKINS IN THE CHEROKEE NATION WITH THE INDIANS AND WAS FREQUENTLY ENGAGED AGAINST THE INDIANS IN SCOUTING PARTIES UNTIL THE CLOSE OF THE WAR. SHE DECLARES THAT HER HUSBAND WILLIAM CARITHERS FOUND AND SERVED ON HIS OWN HORSE AND RECEIVED NO COMPENSATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT SHE FURTHER DECLARES THAT HER HUSBAND WILLIAM CARITHERS NEVER APPLIED FOR A PENSION NOR DID NOT RECEIVE A PENSION FROM THE GOVERNMENT SHE FURTHER STATES SHE WAS LAWFULLY MARRIED TO HER SAID HUSBAND WILLIAM CARITHERS THE 22nd DAY OF JUNE 1779 IN THE FORT IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA NEAR SAVANNAH RIVER PREVIOUS TO HER MARRIAGE SHE LIVED WITH HER FATHER JAMES MCGOWAN ON SAVANNAH RIVER IN 96 NOW ABBEVILLE DISTRICT S.C. SHE DECLARES TO THE BEST OF KNOWLEDGE THERE IS NO PERSON LIVING THAT WAS PERSONALLY PRESENT AT THE MARRIAGE BETWEEN HERSELF AND WILLIAM CARITHERS AND NO RECORD WAS MADE OF THIS MARRIAGE SHE DECLARES THAT HER HUSBAND WILLIAM CARITHERS DIED ON THE 23rd DAY OF AUGUST 1826 IN ABBEVILLE DISTRICT S.C. NEAR SAVANNAH RIVER HIS DISEASE WAS TO THE BEST OF MY

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PENSION CLAIM OF MARY CARITHERS/ROBT CARITHERS AFFADAVIT
KNOWLEDGE THE CONGESTIVE FEVER.....CAUSE FOR HIS DISEASE KNOWN TO
ME ONLY A SEVERE CHILL FOLLOWED BY HIGH FEVER AND DEPARTED SUDDENLY
SHE DECLARES SHE WAS MARRIED TO HER HUSBAND WILLIAM CARITHERS
BEFORE HIS SERVICE CLOSED IN THE WAR AND SHE FURTHER STATES THAT SHE
HAS REMAINED A WIDOW EVER SINCE THAT PERIOD AS WILL MORE FULLY APPEAR
BY REFERENCES TO THE PROOF HEREUNTO.....AND SHE FURTHER DECLARES
FROM BODILY INFIRMITY AND WITNESS SHE IS UNABLE TO APPEAR IN OPEN
COURT OF RECORDS TO MAKE HER DECLARATION WITHOUT SERIOUS INJURY TO
HERSELF THE DISTANCE SUPPOSED TO BE OVER 20 MILES

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED ON THE DAY AND YEAR HEREIN
WITNESS BEFORE ME DRURY B. GLOVER

JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT
FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY

her mark
MARY X CARITHERS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

CHICKASAW COUNTY

BEFORE ME JOHN.....AN ACTING JUSTICE OF
THEIN AND FOR THE FORESAID COUNTY PERSONALLY APPEARED
ROBERT CARITHERS WHO BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO LAW SAITH ON
OATH THAT THE FAMILY RECORD HEREUNTO AMMENDED IS POSITIVELY
THE VERY SAME FAMILY RECORD WITHOUT ANY ALTERATION WHATEVER THAT
CAME INTO HIS POSSESSION AT THE DEATH OF WILLIAM CARITHERS HIS FATHER
AND HAS REMAINED IN HIS POSSESSION FROM THAT TIME TO THE PRESENT DATE.
HE FURTHER SAITH ON OATH THAT THE OLD ORIGINAL FAMILY RECORDS WAS
MADE IN A SMALL BIBLE AND THAT THE REQUEST OF WILLIAM CARITHER HIS
FATHER JOHN MCKENEY TRANSCRIBED A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY FROM THE
SMALL BIBLE INTO THE BIBLE HE RECEIVED FROM HIS FATHER WILLIAM
CARITHERS NOW IN HIS POSSESSION ALL WHICH WAS DONE WHEN HE WAS
PERSONALLY PRESENT AND FURTHER SAITH ON OATH THAT THE FAMILY RECORD
HEREUNTO ANNEXED IS IN THE HANDWRITING OF JOHN MCKENEY WHO DIED
IN A SHORT TIME AFTER THE DEATH OF HIS FATHER WILLIAM CARITHERS
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS THE 28th DAY OF FEBRUARY 1843

JOHN D.seal

Justice of the Peace

Robert Carithers

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WILLIAM CARITHERS b. Dormont, Dumfries Scotland April 12 1754
d. Abbeville, S.C. August 23 1826

(1)

Married: June 22 1779 /

"at a fort near the Savannah"

MARY MCGOWAN d/o James & Elizabeth

b. Abbeville, SC 8 Sept 1754

d. Chickasaw, Miss. 1844-50

WILLIAM C. CARITHERS b. Abbeville, SC Oct 7 1788
d. Madison Co., Ga. May 27 1855

(2)

Married: 1812 /

Oglethorpe City

MARY "POLLY" GRIFFITH d/o Robert & Sarah
Brawner

b. 1793 Madison Co., Ga.

d. May 21 1851 Madison Co., Ga.

JAMES YANCY CARITHERS b. Madison Co., Ga. Mar 16 1821
d. (CSA) 1862-64 NC

(3)

Married: 1858 /

Atlanta, Georgia

MARY ELIZABETH BALL d/o

b. 1827 Laurens Co., SC

d. 1892-96 Gadsden, Alabama

ROBERT GRIFFITH CARITHERS b. Jan 12 1863 Gadsden, Ala.
d. 1928 Dallas, Texas

(4)

Married: Oct 9 1900 /

Dennison, Texas

IRENDA LOUISE NUNNELLY d/o Wm. & Mary
NUNLEY Sanders

b. 1867 Pulaski, Tenn.

d. Jan 16 1952 Dallas, Tex.

CHILDREN: William + Mary McGowan

(1) Elizabeth b. Mar 28 1780 *unmarried*

Sarah b. Jan 17 1782 d. Feb 19 1850 *unmarried*

Mathew b. June 12 1784 d. Aug 27 1840 *(MISS.?)*

James D. b. June 12, 1786 d. Feb 8 1823 *m. Swanseg-TX*

Samuel b. Feb 2 1791 *m. Eliza Johnson*

John S. b. Aug 26 1793

Hugh M. b. Nov 26 1796 *d Sept 29 1834 m. Gallaspie*

★ Robert G. b. Mar 29 1800 *m. Miss Parks*

All born: Abbeville, SC *d. Aug 25 18??*

MISS.?

*Possibly
Robt. Griffith?*

(2) Robert Griffith b. Apr 17 1814 d. Feb 27 1860
m. Weeks

William Middleton b. Mar 11, 1816 d. Mar 30
1852..unmarried

John Richmond b. Dec 25 1818 d.....

m. Elizabeth Betsy Griffith

Sarah Parolee b. Aug 24 1823 d....

m. Robert Thomas Carithers (cousin)

Hugh Alfred b. July 14 1827 d.....

m. Mary Ann Griffith

Amanda Jane b. Nov 6 1830 d. Oct 30 1875

m. Dr. Berry Milhouse Thompson

Mary Frances b. Feb 25 1833 d.....

m. Robert McEntire

Walton James b. Nov 17 1835 d. June 12 1867

m. Elizabeth Hitchcock

All born: Madison Co., Ga.

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*5th my mother Carithers
6th my daughter
7th my daughter
8th her daughter!*